



Memorandum of Understanding

Between Nile Basin Development Challenge of the CPWF and Wollega University, Ethiopia

The Nile Basin Development Challenge (NBDC) of the Challenge Programme on Water for Food (CPWF), on behalf of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), with Regional Offices in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Wollega University, Ethiopia have agreed to cooperate in undertaking the collaborative research in the areas of water and land management under the NBDC programme on "Integrated Rainwater Management Systems". This umbrella agreement should enable closer interaction and knowledge sharing between the two institutions but also shall allow the development of specific MoU between Wollega University and the individual NBDC projects as deemed necessary. The broad areas of collaboration at the programme level may include conducting joint research in land and water management, sharing relevant data as made available, co-organize workshops and national and international conferences, conducting joint training programmes and supporting MSc and PhD students interested to work on common research for development issues. The specific terms of collaboration for the two organizations shall include the following:

- i. The financial arrangements of the collaborative work with deliverables and budget implications should be specified with individual projects as the need arises. However, when researchers are engaged in collaborative work they will be paid per diem on ILRI per diem rates. MSc students working on collaborative research will also register at the Capacity Building unit at ILRI and the specific NBDC project with which the students work is associated with will cover the cost. Wollega University will receive 10% administration cost for all transactions in the collaborative research engagement.
- ii. All equipment purchased for the collaborative research will be the property of Wollega University and to be retained and used by the institute, as they deem fit, after the end of the project. However, they may jointly agree to continue the monitoring of the data for any further research, validation etc.
- iii. NBDC shall help in capacity building of the staff and students in the chosen area of research. Wollega University shall collaborate with NBDC research staff in the supervision of students/ staff from the institute (as well as other centres) conducting research in the Action Research Site of Diga and beyond.

- iv. Wollega University and NBDC researchers shall collaborate in the writing of journal articles, research reports and project reports based on the hydrological and meteorological data collected in the Action Research Site. The two institutions may allow their logos to use in the joint publications/ reports etc.
- v. Nile BDC shall facilitate the University staff/ students in presenting the research findings derived from the research in 'Rainwater management strategies' in national and international fora .
- vi. There shall be no financial implications on the part of Wollega University and NBDC projects shall reimburse all reasonable costs related to the implementation of the collaborative action research.
- vii. This agreement will come into force immediately after it is signed by the heads of the Institutes.

Signed by Nile Basin Development Challenge of the Challenge Programme on Water for Food

Date:

Name:

Position:

Signed by Wollega University (WU)

Name: Prof. Fekadu Beyene

Position: President



Date:

19 Dec 2010